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Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College



Our Reflections

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Letter from your Editor

The 2010-2011 school year was a busy one with many changes and events that took place on campus. One of the biggest events that took place was the inauguration of Doreen Larson, Pierpont Community & Technical College's second President. This was a huge event filled with insightful guest speakers, delicious food, floral arrangements and of course, the induction of President Larson. Her inauguration will always remain a positive memory. Another huge change that occurred this school year was the change in Fairmont State University's general education requirements.

Structurally, the campus began getting something of an "Extreme Home Makeover," with renovations taking place in the Turley Center, Wallman Hall, the Ruth Ann Musick Library and Hardway Hall. When this book went to press, the changes were not yet complete, but I am sure everyone on the Fairmont campus is anxious to see the finished products in the near future.

With all of these various events and changes that occurred on campus, it was decided among the *Mound* yearbook staff that the appropriate theme for this yearbook should be *Reflections*. After a school semester is over, people often reflect on the life-changing events that happened during their school year. It is our wish for each of you to pick this yearbook up every now and again and reflect upon these memorable semesters.

Happy reading!

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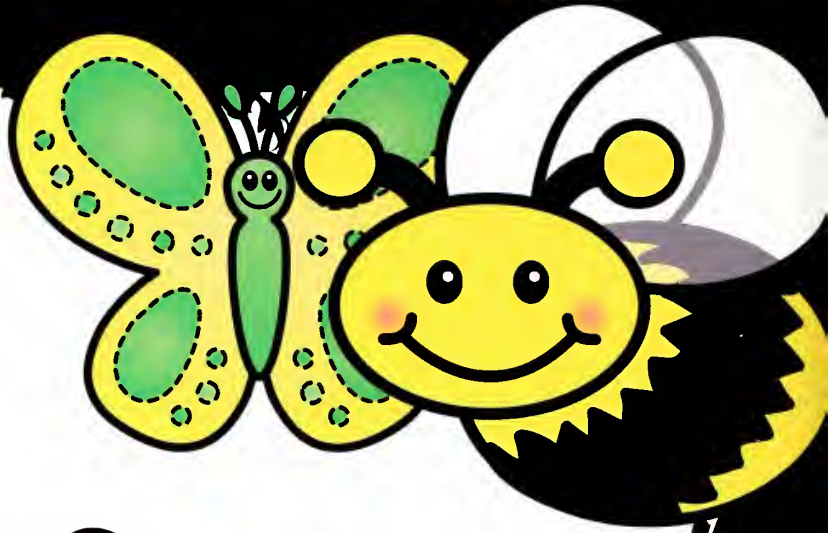


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Campus life



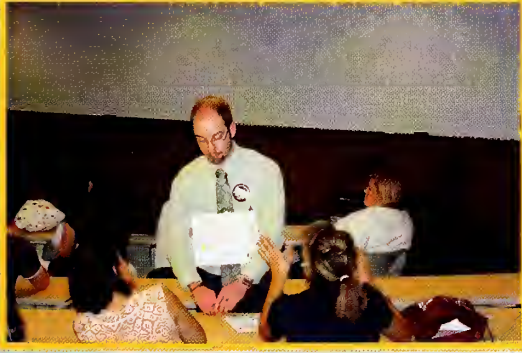
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Campus Welco



me Weekend



Tastes of the World

Tuesday, April 12, 2011, Tastes of the World kicked off the campus' week-long celebration as part of the annual International Festival. The cultural experience was held in the Main Street area of the Falcon Center that hosted an array of foods from Nepal, Saudi Arabia, China, Zimbabwe, Russia, and Bangladesh.

Dr. Tadashi Kato, the International Student Organization faculty adviser and International Programming Coordinator, stated that this event allows students to proudly showcase their home and culture in the most "tangible way," through food. Tastes of the World is also an opportunity for the students to prepare their home-cooked favorites that they love, enjoy, and hunger for.

By: Morgan Bennett

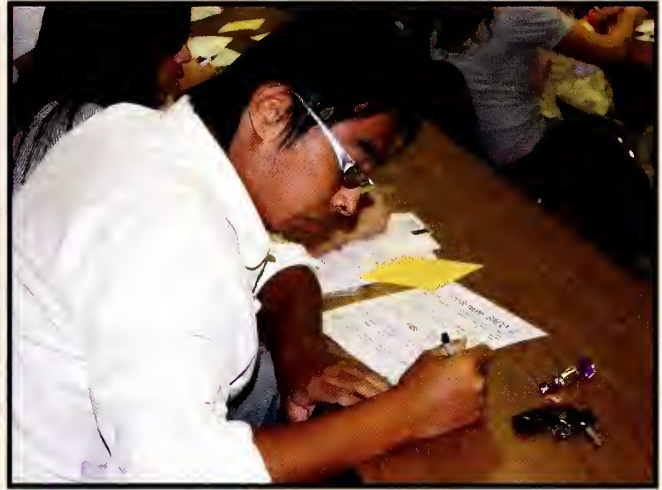


April 12, 2011

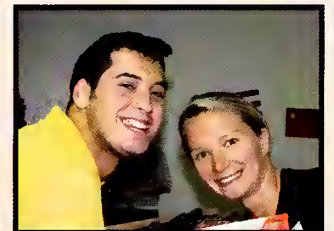
International Week Begins

International Festival 2011 is co-sponsored by the International Student Organization, the Student Government, and the International Education Committee of Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College.

International Studies



Learning crossing borders



W.Va. Folklife Center

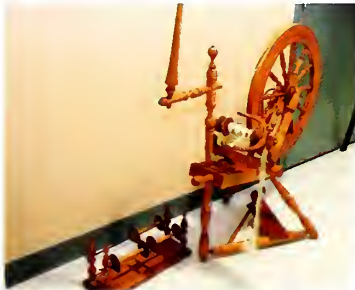
Bringing history to life

A ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of the first floor of the Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center was held Thursday, Oct. 28, 2010. The Folklife Center, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is housed in what was once the Michael Kennedy Dairy Barn, built in the early 1900s. The rebuilding of the center began in May 2008, as a result of a gift from Fairmont State alumni Frank and Jane Gabor.

Two awards were presented during the ribbon-cutting gala. The first was the B.B. Maurer Folklife Scholar Award, presented to Kate Richardson Long, and the second being the Traditions Salute award, presented to Fawn Valentine.

The Folklife Center is home to FSU's folklore minor and Pierpont's museum studies option. Inside the center are collections of artifacts that reflect Appalachian folklife, such as pottery, photographs, oral histories and textiles.

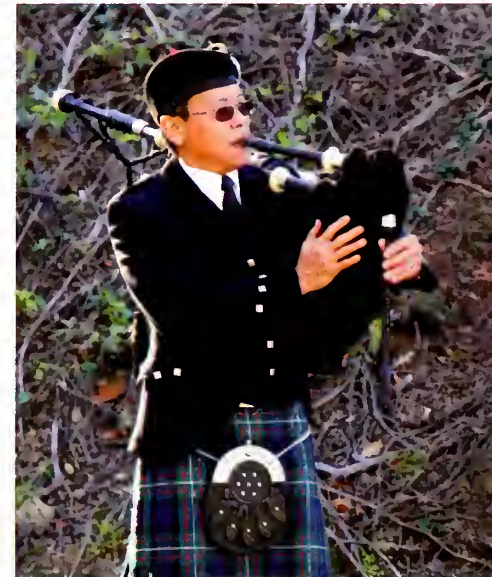
Folklife Center Director Dr. Judy Byers gives her opening remarks at the ribbon-cutting gala.



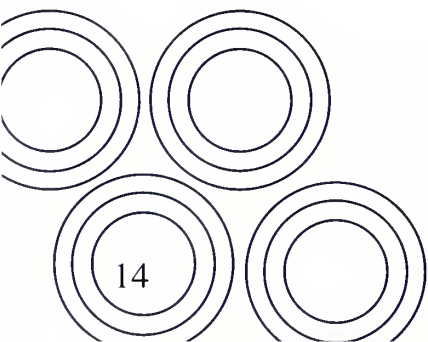
Housed inside the Folklife Center are many displays, such as this spinning wheel.



FSU President Dr. Thomas Krepel makes remarks about the Folklife Center.



The event featured many musicians, such as this Scottish bagpiper.





FRANK AND JANE GABOR WEST VIRGINIA FOLKLIFE CENTER

A traditional West Virginia quilt was displayed at the Ribbon Cutting Gala. Quilt historian Fawn Valentine did a quilt reading at the event.



School officials and community members prepare to cut the ribbon unveiling the center.



Storyteller and WV Cultural Advocate Kate Richardson Long was honored with the 2010 B.B. Maurer WV Folklife Scholar Award.

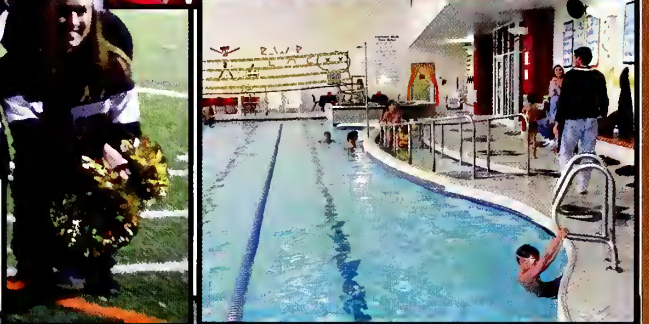
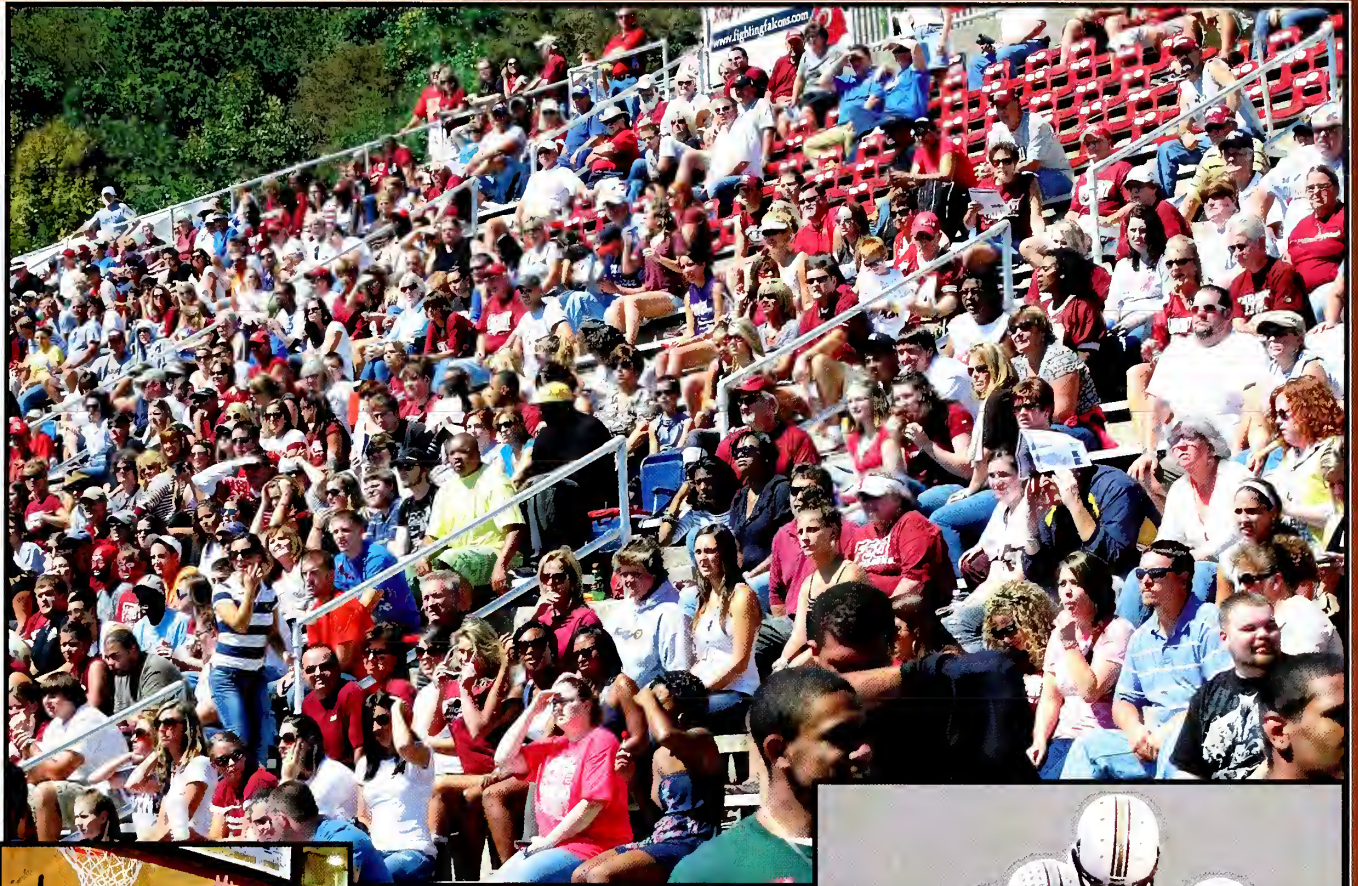


(Middle) A display of Appalachian books in the center's gallery. The center houses four major collections.

Three local musicians regaled visitors with dulcimers and guitars during the opening.



Campus Life





By: Holly Taylor

"An Introduction to the Political and Cultural Identity of Canada and Quebec"

Students in the Honors Program have been given the opportunity to travel to Canada in May along with students from other local participating colleges. This one-credit hour course is offered jointly as a state-wide international experience by West Virginia State University, Marshall University, and West Virginia University in collaboration with the Université de Laval in Quebec City, Canada where students will travel to fulfill the requirements of the course. Students will participate in a one-day pre-departure video conference and orientation, and later, travel to Quebec City and Niagara Falls. This trip will include a tour of popular tourist attractions and gaining cultural knowledge.

Study Abroad

Top 10 reasons why you should study abroad

If you have ever considered studying abroad, but have not yet followed through, here are 10 convincing reasons to help persuade you of this wonderful opportunity ...

1. Studying abroad will help you learn a language.
2. Studying abroad provides the chance to travel.
3. Studying abroad allows you to immerse into another culture first-hand.
4. Studying abroad allows you to develop skills while learning outside of the classroom.
5. Through study abroad, you have the chance to meet new people.
6. Study abroad expands your view of the world.
7. Study abroad allows you to break out of your normal academic routine.
8. Study abroad improves employment opportunities.
9. You can take courses abroad that your home campus may not offer.
10. Study abroad helps you to learn about yourself and may open new doors for your future

International Travel

y; Courtney Kisamore

Students interested in the Study Abroad program should plan a year in advance. It is recommended for students to study abroad early in their college years such as their freshman or sophomore years. This is advised so students can take elective classes early. Study Abroad is offered for one semester. If students cannot leave for this period of time, one-week trips for credit courses are also offered. Colleges and universities will grant academic credit for the classes taken while studying abroad. This will allow you to choose education exchange opportunities without delaying your graduation date. Consult with your Study Abroad or academic advisor before choosing classes.

Studying Abroad is full of amazing experiences! Many students return from their trips filled with a new sense of independence and more confidence to face challenges presented by the real world during college and in their professional career.

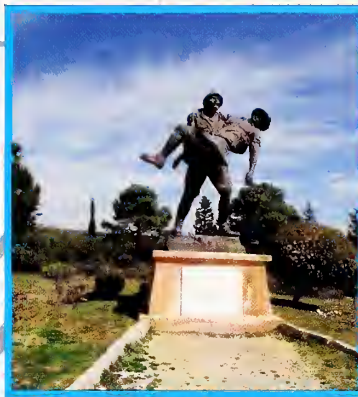


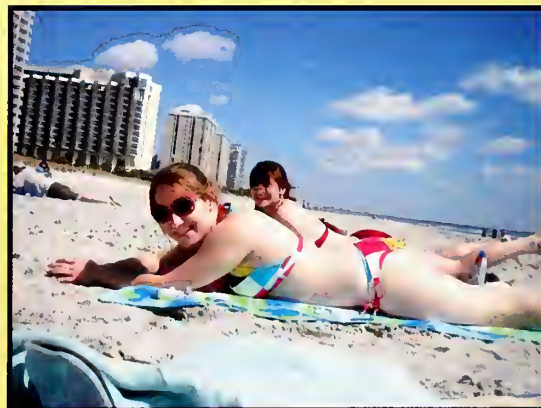
FSU and Pierpont go abroad!

For ten years, the Honors study-travel course has offered students the study of one of the world's great cities with a week-long immersion in that city. Students examine interconnections of art, language, literature, theatre, history, geography, geology, music, and economics that have contributed to the life and culture of the city. They study the history and even the mass transit system of city. They develop skills they will need in order to explore first-hand cultures and civilizations outside their own. It encourages teamwork among those taking the course as they explore the city.

In 2011, the Honors study-travel course branched out beyond a single city as ten Honors, two architecture students, and four faculty members participated in a tour called the Treasures of Turkey. Students and faculty flew from Washington, D.C. to Izmir and began their explorations of the Greco-Roman and Christian ruins at Ephesus. From there they traveled by bus up the Aegean coast of Turkey to Kusadasi, Pergamon, Troy, and Canakkle, stopping to visit the World War I battlefield at Gallipoli. The trip culminated with three days in Istanbul where students explored the overlay of modern, Ottoman, Byzantine, Roman, and Greek cultures.







Spring Break

By: Sarah Bright

It smells like spring break!

You know when it's near because the same events start in chronological order: study, midterms, **BREAK!** Every student and teacher looks forward to this time of year. It marks the halfway point of the school semester and gives a relief to most lives. Some students go back to their hometowns and visit with family and friends - just take it easy. Other students might do this but also hold a job to earn some extra money for the summer and fall semester. Spring break is a time for students and teachers to get rejuvenated. Other students might go on vacations to different countries or just have fun playing!



Pierpont's 'Final Four'

Culinary Arts team places third at regional competition



The Pierpont Culinary Academy team celebrates after receiving Silver Medals in regional competition. Chef Brian A. Floyd, CEC, left, Ryan Contraski, Joseph White, Ted Hastings, Maria Provencher, Brandon Show, and Chef Jay R. Mahoney, CEC.

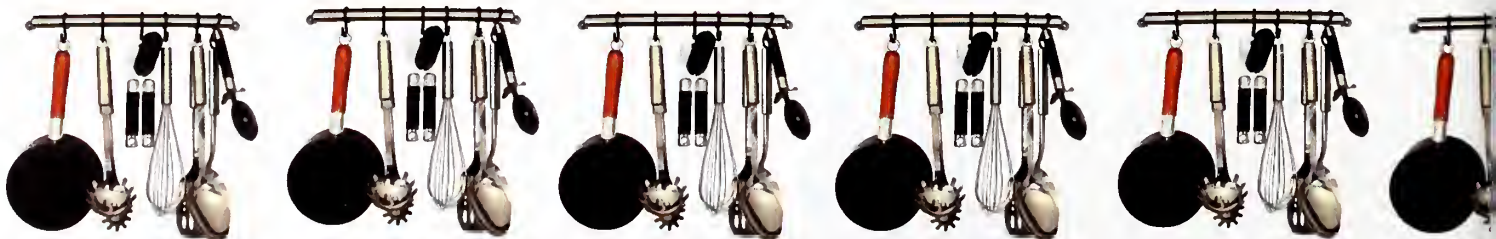


This year's culinary arts team partnered with the West Virginia Extension Service to showcase a farm-raised West Virginia striped bass for their fish course.

Very proud of their efforts, Pierpont Community and Technical College's culinary team placed third at the country's annual American Culinary Federation Northeast Regional Competition in Columbus Ohio, March 20th-23rd. The Pierpont team placed behind two of the largest culinary teams in the nation. The team consisted of veteran competitors Maria Provencher, Joseph White, Ted Hastings and first-year students were Brandon Show and Ryan Contraski.

The Pierpont team's show platter consisted of tasty WV wild game food items such as trout, quail, and duck breast. The duration of the weekend consisted of an 80-minute relay competition, which tested the team's pastry competency, fish and chicken fabrication skills, and vegetable skills. The final portion of the competition had the team serving a delectable four-course meal (four portions each) to the judges.

President Doreen Larson said the team's competition is on par with the NCAA's national basketball tournament.





Resumania!

"It's never too late to start Resume building," was the headline of the spring 2011 semester's resume workshop held Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011. Sally Fry, Director of Career Services, and Amy Drvar, Career Counselor, coordinated and executed this focused course. This is one of many career services that Career Central offers to Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College students.

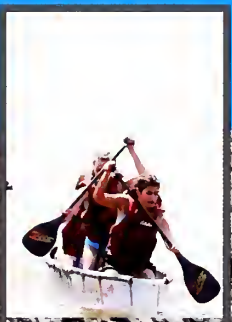
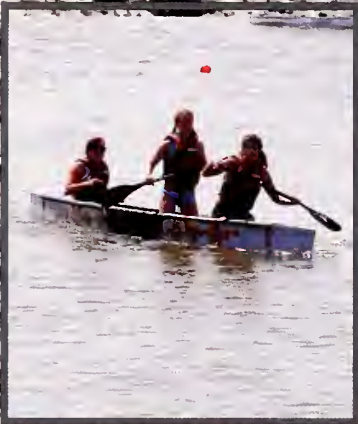
The class began with employment statistics, where in the economy you fit as an individual, and how important self-marketing is and the best ways to do it, including how to use Facebook as a marketing tool. Styles of resume writings were taught, and electronic submissions were highlighted. Also, existing resumes could be brought in to the Career Services Center for critique. In the class, the attendees developed contact cards, and mock-interviews were covered. This is a course every student should take advantage of when heading out into the "real" world.

By: Morgan Bennett

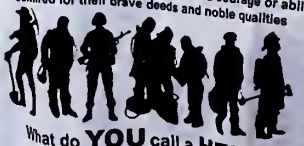




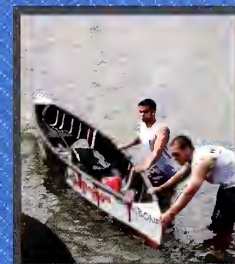
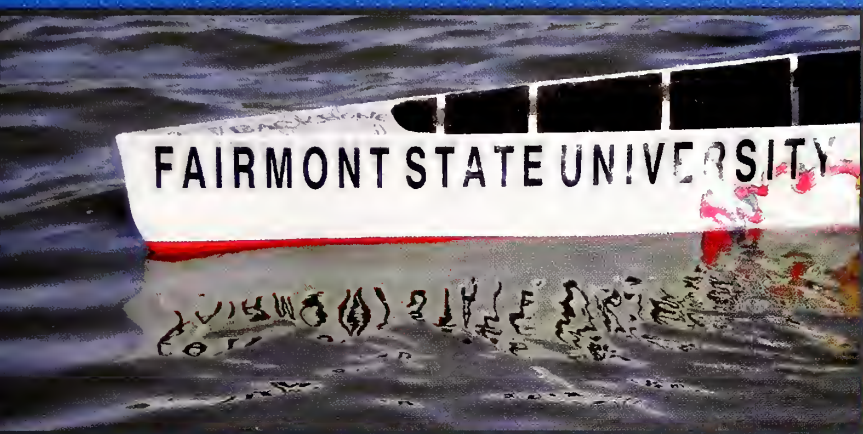
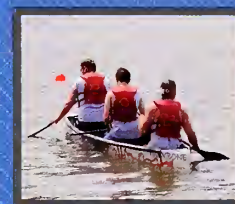
Fall Campus Visitation



hero (heer-oh): a person of distinguished courage or ability, admired for their brave deeds and noble qualities



What do YOU call a HERO?



Concrete Canoe Team

Fairmont State University's American Society of Civil Engineers Student Chapter continues its tradition of excellence and again represented the region at the National Concrete Canoe Competition.

FSU's ASCE Student Chapter won first place in the Concrete Canoe Competition for the eighth consecutive year at the Virginia's Conference, hosted by West Virginia University at Cheat Lake in Morgantown. When FSU's canoe cracked in half during the morning men's sprint race, team members were able to tape the canoe back together using only duct tape. The patched canoe raced three more times after being repaired without taking on water. Although the team took a point penalty for the patch, FSU was still able to secure first place.

"We are really proud of our canoe this year and despite the setbacks that we had, we are excited to be representing FSU at the national venue," said Team Captain Tabitha Neuhauser.

The conference brings together 13 schools from West Virginia, Virginia and Washington, D.C., and provides students a chance to gain valuable hands-on experience by competing in many engineering-related competitions.

"Teams are judged on four parts, each weighted equally," explained Neuhauser. "They include the canoe races, a technical paper, canoe aesthetics, and a five-minute presentation highlighting the technical paper."

The students must follow strict rules that dictate the contents of their concrete matrix and, of course, the vessel must float, to be eligible for the races.

Tia Como, P.E., ASCE faculty advisor, said that this year's canoe theme was "Backbone," which honors our nation's everyday heroes including teachers, coal miners, doctors, and firefighters.

"This country's everyday heroes are our nation's backbone and it is our honor to create this canoe and race it for them," Como said.

The 24th Annual ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition will be June 16-18, hosted by University of Evansville in Evansville, Ind. FSU remains the only university in the state to be invited to compete at the national level. FSU has represented the region at the National Concrete Canoe Competition for the past seven years.

Founded in 1852, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) represents more than 137,500 members of the civil engineering profession worldwide, and is America's oldest national engineering society. ASCE's vision is to position engineers as global leaders building a better quality of life.

For more information about Fairmont State's ASCE Student Chapter, call Tia Como, P.E., Professor, at (304) 367-4629 or email her at tia.como@fairmontstate.edu.

Honors program

What's it all about?

By: Sarah Bright

Can just anyone apply? To get accepted into the Honors program a student must fill out an application, and these students usually get let in. The director, Dr. J. Robert Baker, starts the process each early spring for the upcoming freshman by sending out the applications to possible honor students. However, even if a potential student does not receive this application form, Dr. Baker still wants them to apply; simply contact the director! A potential honor student needs to meet certain requirements: ACT composite score of 26 and a GPA of 3.4 if the student has completed 15 credit hours.

There are a variety of honors courses offered at Fairmont state, which makes it easy for honors students to complete the Honors Program. To complete the honors program a student must have a minimum of 22-24 honors credit hours. To some people the word "honors" seems to have had a whole new effect on a class; for example, "harder." However being in the Honors Program has its benefits. Casey Saunders, a sophomore, likes being in the Honors Program. "You get to meet a lot of people." Another plus, is that honors students, no matter what grade level, get to register their new semester classes when seniors do. "You get more one-on-one attention because of the smaller classes," stated sophomore Ava Morris. Both Morris and Saunders enjoyed being honors students when they were freshman because the upper class honors students took them under their wing and showed them the ropes to the school. Being an honors student, it is like being a family; the honors program provides a challenge to class courses as well as a close group of friends.

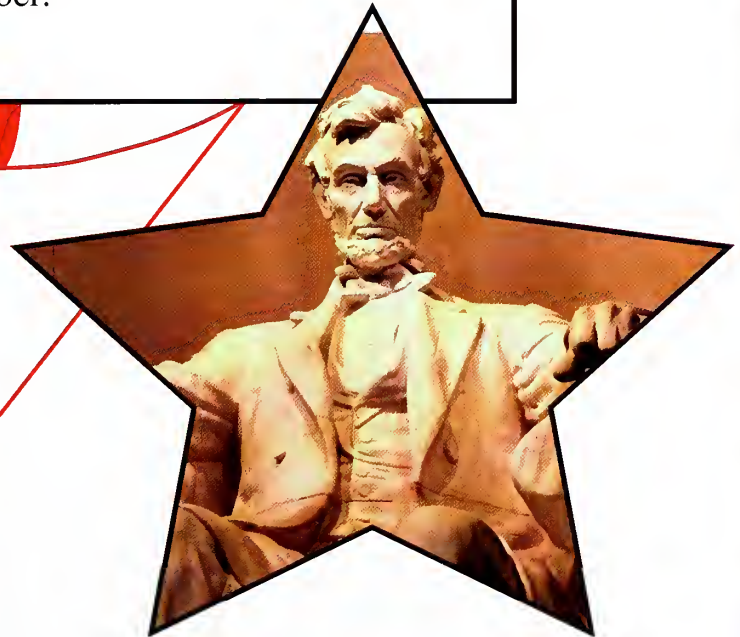




By: Holly Taylor

Honors Program Trip to Washington D.C.

With blankets and pillows in their arms, the Honors students boarded a bus to Washington D.C. early on a September morning. This trip was to act as a cultural event for these students. Once in Washington, the students split into groups and were allowed to tour the monuments and museums. As a group, the students toured the art museum and visited the special art exhibit of Edvard Munch. After a long day of walking and viewing the museums the students once again boarded the bus to head back to Fairmont State. Even though the day was long, the students spent a day engulfed in the culture of Washington and saw many new and interesting things. This was a trip to remember.



Designing the future

Pierpont's Applied Design program

The A.A.S. degree in Applied Design offers two specializations; Fashion Design and Interior Design. The program provides opportunities for students to explore areas of interest, such as art and design, computer applications, or business.

Fashion Design includes the study of visual merchandising and computer aided design. It prepares students to pursue careers in fashion design, buying, fashion coordinating for department stores, fashion boutiques or retail firms, window display merchandizing, and independent apparel shop ownership. Classroom and studio work are combined with field experiences which may include fashion show production, field trips, and on-the-job work experience.

Interior Design prepares students for professional service in residential and/or commercial interior design. Students have various opportunities to explore and apply principles and elements of design and to create functional and aesthetic interior environments. Interior Design includes a study of design, space planning, construction materials, technical rendering, and presentation in conjunction with a business orientation. Graduates may choose to work professionally in a variety of retail businesses related to residential interiors, contract sales studios, or private firms and agencies.



Students Rachel Hefner, Tiffany Gregory, Brianna Riley, Mercedes Newkirk and Maggie Pickens share a meal during the program's trip to New York City over spring break.



The Applied Design program held a "Kentucky Derby" hat fashion show to showcase student work.




Pierpont Community & Technical College
 In coordination with Fairmont's own
Friendly Furniture Galleries
 Invites you to this 2011
Spring Student Showcase
 On display at

May 4th Wednesday
Open House
6:00 – 8:00PM
 Light refreshments

Pierpont Community & Technical College's home-furnishings class held a student showcase in the spring and fall at Friendly Furniture Galleries in Downtown Fairmont. Students in the class design rooms, including window treatments, using the furniture at the store, giving everyone lots of inspiration. The home-furnishings class is open to any Pierpont student as an elective, instructor Rachel Beach said. While some of the students participating in the spring showcase were interior design majors, the rest come from a variety of majors, she said.



Early Childhood program





The Pierpont Early Childhood Associate of Applied Science degree includes the study of the growth and development of young children as well as the planning, preparation and implementation of appropriate curriculum and environments for early childhood programs. Students gain practical experience working with children at the campus Laboratory Preschool and in early childhood programs within the community.

Graduates with the Early Childhood Associate of Applied Science degree are qualified to teach in child care centers, Head Start programs, private nursery schools, private preschools or to serve as a nanny. Graduates meet state requirements to be the director of a Type I, II or III child care center in the state of West Virginia. Other employment opportunities include positions in public and private organizations providing services for children. A background check is required for students in this program and for employment in this field.

Students may continue their education by applying all credit hours to the Family & Consumer Science Child Development Specialist Degree at Fairmont State University. The associate degree must be awarded to articulate into this 2+2 degree completion program.



The faculty, staff and students from the RCBNAEC held a cookout in honor of Aviation Maintenance Technician Day just before the start of the 2010-2011 school year.



Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center

The Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center (NAEC) was established in the fall of 1993 in support of the north central West Virginia aerospace industry. The center is housed in a 54,000 sq. ft. state-of-the-art facility located in the Mid-Atlantic Aerospace Complex at the North Central West Virginia Airport in Bridgeport, West Virginia. The center operates two 10,000 square foot heated, lighted aircraft maintenance and flight hangers and one 3,400 square foot unheated aircraft storage hanger. NAEC faculty members are recruited across a broad spectrum of aerospace, to include airline, corporate aviation, military, general aviation, and manufacturing.

National Aerospace Education Center – The NAEC faculty and staff take pride in the development and delivery of the highest quality of training designed to promote comprehensive learning and realistic practical experiences leading to a more complete understanding of the ever-changing aerospace technical needs. All programs are structured and delivered around developmental underpinnings of the promotion of personal ethics, character development, and the ability to exercising sound personal judgment.



The staff of the RCB National Aerospace Center is always ready to help students fly high to reach their dreams.



Veterinary Technology

Learning about animals brings joy to students

The Veterinary Technology Program at Pierpont Community and Technical College was established in 1976. This is a two-year associate degree program and is not a pre-veterinary medicine course of study. Students in the program learn the knowledge and skills necessary to become veterinary technicians working with veterinarians. Graduates of the Program can take the Veterinary Technician National Board Exam to become Registered Veterinary Technicians.

Students in the program receive training in all aspects necessary to become educated, competent and professional veterinary technicians. Areas of study include: anatomy & physiology, chemistry, microbiology, parasitology, animal diseases, animal care and handling, pharmacology and clinical procedures relative to pet, farm, and laboratory animals. These areas of study involve both classroom lectures as well as practical laboratories working with live animals.



The pets really enjoy their beauty treatments. The students enjoy caring for the pets.



SVTA
**Student Veterinary
Technology Association**
of Pierpont Community and Technical College



Spa for Paws Pet Wash

Bring your loving companion to the **Spa For Paws Pet Wash** for an enjoyable experience for both you and your animal! While your dog or cat is being pampered enjoy free snacks, coffee and drinks and attend our educational classes that will benefit both you and your animal.

Classes will consist of information concerning the general care of your animal, preventative medicine, parasites and the importance of spaying and neutering. Please come and join us!

Choose from 2 options:	Basic	The Works
1) Basic Shampoo, Nail Trimming, Ear Cleaning, Cologne and Bandana	Small Dog/Cat \$9 Medium Dog \$11 Large Dog \$13 XL Dog \$15 XXL Dog \$20	Small Dog/Cat \$13 Medium Dog \$17 Large Dog \$21 XL Dog \$25 XXL Dog \$30
2) The Works Shampoo & Conditioner, Nail Trimming, Ear Cleaning, Anal Glands, Cologne and Bandana		



Spa for Paws Schedule:

Friday: 2-8
Saturday: 10-4

February 4th & 5th
March 4th & 5th
April 1st & 2nd
May 6th & 7th

First Weekend of Every Month

Locust Avenue, Fairmont, WV
Hunt Haught Hall
* First Floor—Room 103

We also offer Pet Wash Cards for \$1.00 in which you bring your pet 5 times and you get the 6th visit free!

Each month, the Pierpont Student Veterinary Technology Association holds two pet washes as fundraisers. The pet washes provide money for the club and a valuable community service.

Education



Humane Society & Rescue



Community



Who We Are and What We Do?



Services



We proudly support the ASPCA as a member organization in a **Golden Membership**.



Student Megan Risinger shows some love to Princess Fiona. Risinger helped rescue the dog from an abusive owner.

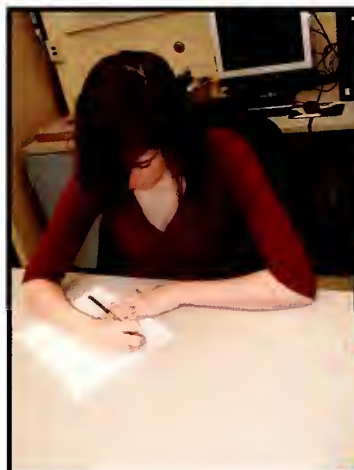
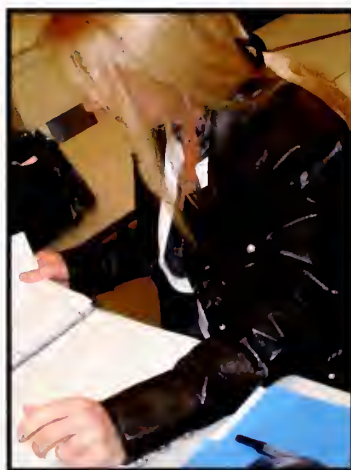
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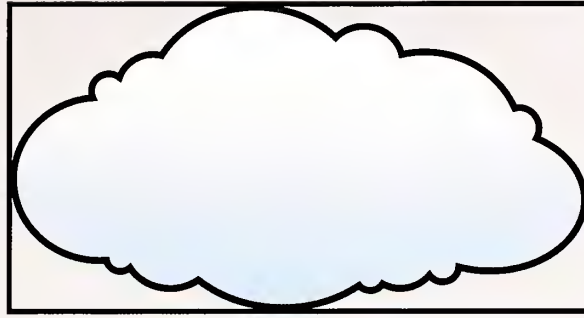
By: Sarah Bright

Finals- the good & the bad

Students are getting stressed, not eating a healthy diet, and have a lack of sleep. Yep, it sounds like finals week is approaching. Finals are when students show their professors how much they have learned in the course throughout the semester. These exams show whether the professor has successfully taught the required material within the semester's time length. Final exams are when students panic because their grade is usually determined on the score. Some use final exams as the worth 20% or more a student's grade within their course.

On the up side, final exam week gives the students hope that the semester is ending. All student have to do is concentrate, knowing that after finals there will be a break. The breaks are either winter or summer, which means freedom and relaxation. Study, study, study hard for finals, and there is always a reward.





Why did I wait till now to

NOOO

Help!!

It's not possible!

AHHH!

*Time is Running Out
There is so much to do!*

By: Holly Taylor

"Procrastination is the fear of Success."

Many college students deal with procrastination when it comes to school work. Not only can procrastination lead to bad grades and failure in academic success, studies have shown that it they are also likely to have unhealthy sleep, diet, and exercise patterns.

The most severe procrastinators earned an average grade in a class of 2.9 on a 4.0 scale. Moderate procrastinators had average grades of 3.4, while low procrastinators scored an average of 3.6.

There are many reasons why college students tend to procrastinate such as: a lack of motivation, deficiencies in self-regulation, external loss of control, perfectionism, fear of failure, low self-efficacy, and low self-confidence. Procrastinators are much more likely to use rationalizations, and the rationalizations most used tended to be of the "wishful thinking" variety.

Overall, sometimes procrastination pays off because you tend to work harder and better under pressure, but sometimes procrastination can take it toll and bring about bad consequences.

"Don't fool yourself that important things can be put off till tomorrow; they can be put off forever, or not at all." (Mignon McLaughlin, *The Neurotic's Notebook*, 1960.)





SPORTS



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Football

Touchdown Fever

By: Justin Myers

The Fairmont State football team finished out the 2010 season with a 5-6 overall, 3-5 WVIAC record. The Falcons scored an average of 28.5 points per game

Junior Luke Black made 1st Team Defense, while juniors Ben Landis and Frank Keenan both made 1st Team Special Teams. Seniors Matt Khouri and Perry Baker both made 2nd Team Offense, with sophomore Ryland Newman on 2nd Team Defense. Receiving Honorable Mentions were Joe Angotti, Nick Schrader, Logan Moore, Chris St. Hilaire (offense), and Devin Johnson, Garrett Davis and Daniel Strosnider (defense). Quarterback Logan Moore also received the Offensive Freshman of the Year award.

The coaching staff of the Falcons include a variety of specialists in the field, and at the helm are Head Coach Mike Lopez and Assistant Head Coach Ricky Brumfield.

BELOW Freshman Logan Moore throws a pass during the game against WV Wesleyan. The Falcons won 45-14.



LEFT Offensive linemen Nick Schrader (65) and Joe Angotti (62) drive back Notre Dame defense.

BELOW Senior Doug Brazill runs the ball with the assistance of Nick Schrader.



ABOVE Quarterback Logan Moore receives the snap during the game against Notre Dame.



ABOVE Perry Baker (8) and Logan Moore (11) celebrate a play.

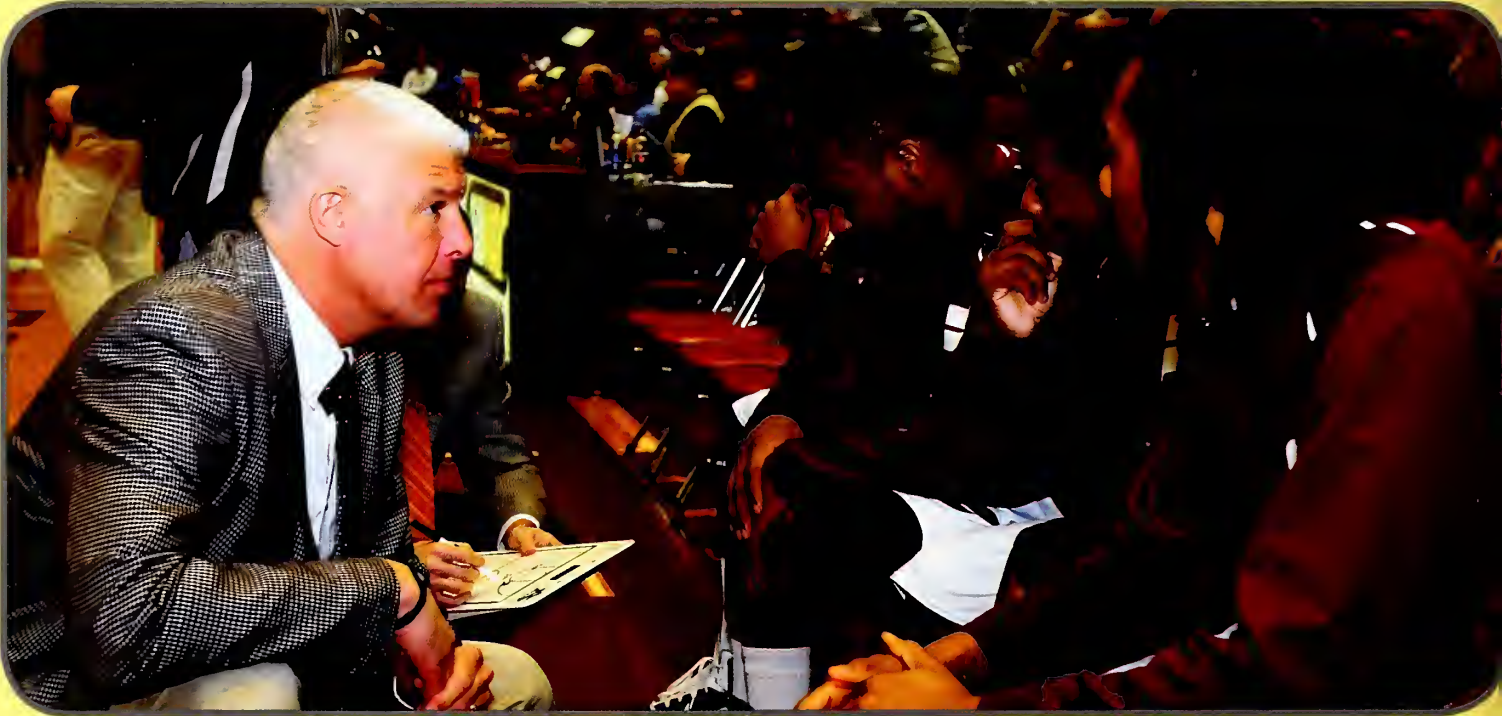
LEFT Sophomore Scott Victorio avoids Glenville's Derek McRae during the September 25th game.



RIGHT South Carolina native Chris Talley prepares to catch a pass from his teammate.

FAR RIGHT Terrence Green dribbles with anticipation during the West Liberty game.

BELOW Players listen to Head Coach Tim Murphy while Associate Coach Brett Vincent writes out a play on the board.



RIGHT and FAR RIGHT Junior Steve Custis evades Hilltopper defenders during the January 13 game. West Liberty won the event 99-98.



Men's Basketball

The 15 players of the men's basketball team fought hard for their 17-10 season, going on to rank fourth in WVIAC standings. The team scored an average of 81.8 total points per game, with their leading scorers being Isaac Thornton (19.8), Steve Custis (16.7), Terrence Green (13.3), and Chris Talley (13.0).

Sophomore Isaac Thornton was named First Team All-WVIAC, while senior Terrence Green and junior Steve Custis were selected to receive All-WVIAC Honorable mentions.

The men's basketball team has been coached for 8 seasons by Head Coach and former Fairmont State All-American Tim Murphy. Assisting the Falcons in their rise to success is Associate Head Coach Brett Vincent.

Isaac Thornton goes up for a basket against West Liberty's Barry Shetzer. Thornton was FSU's leading scorer.



Steve Custis received an All-WVIAC Honorable Mention for his role in the Falcons' 2010-2011 Season.



Senior and Williamsburg native, Terrence Green dunks the ball during a home game.



Fairmont State's Steve Custis, Melvin Rhodes and Andrew Gunnoe wait eagerly with West Liberty players to see if the attempted basket was good.

Women's Basketball

Thirteen women make up the Lady Falcon basketball team which soared over competition for a 15-12 season record. The team placed 9th in WVIAC standings. The team won the Sam Marchio Award for Sportsmanship for the WVIAC, voted on by league officials.

The team scored an average of 69.1 points per game, led by four leading scorers. The top scorers for the Lady Falcons were Kaitlin Snyder (19.5) Lauren Gilbert (14.7) Rachel Murray (12.7) and Tiffany Nicholson (11.5).

Receiving First Team All-NCAC honors was sophomore Kaitlin Snyder, while seniors Lauren Gilbert and Rachel Murray received Honorable Mentions.

The Lady Falcons are coached by 13-season veteran Steve McDonald and Assistant Coach Jenna Eckleberry.



ABOVE Freshman Maria Femia drives the ball towards the basket in a game against AB.



RIGHT Kaitlin Snyder goes head to head with West Liberty's Meghan Wiseman.



LOW Hilltoppers watched with anxious eyes as sophomore Tiffany Nicholson caught a pass.



LEFT Lauren Gilbert attempts to avoid West Liberty's Jenni Robbins. Gilbert contributed 19 points to the game, which FSU won, 76-60.

BELOW Coaching staff and players alike observe the passes and actions of teammates.



ABOVE Sophomore Alana George stretches for the ball.



ABOVE Lady Falcons circle up during the January 22 AB game. FSU won 67-32.

LEFT Senior Lauren Gilbert evades Lady Hilltoppers during the January 13 game.





Women's Volleyball

By: Justin Myers

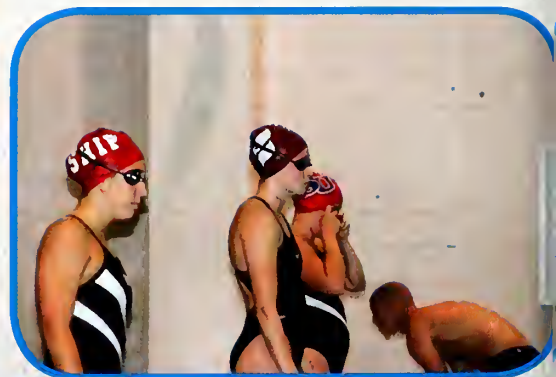
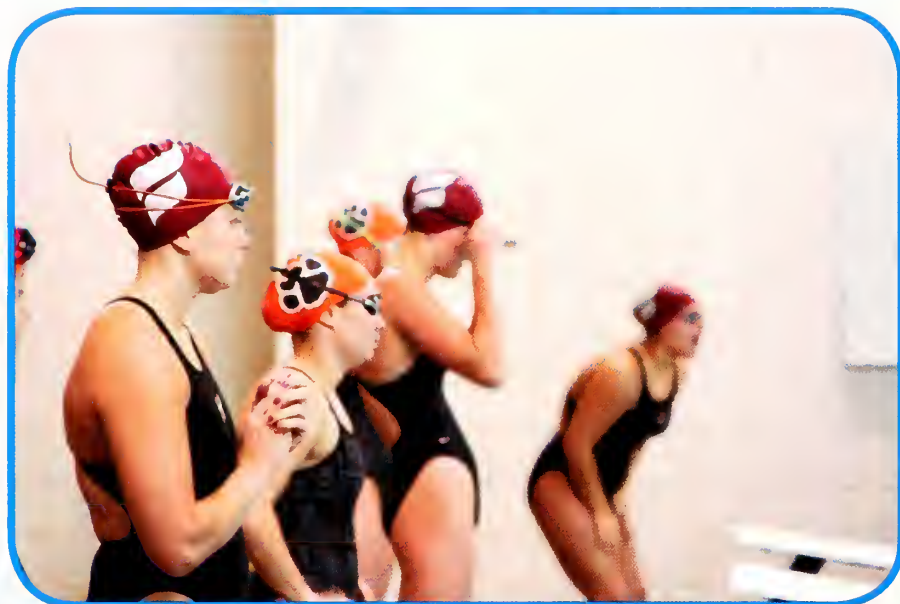
The FSU Women's Volleyball team finished up the 2010 season with another solid year of performance. The team posted a 20-10 overall record, finishing 12-2 in conference play, earning them second place in the conference for regular season play. The end of September provided the opportunity for FSU to make a statement, winning seven straight matches before falling to Shippensburg, Pa. by a final of 3-2. In November, the team took their high conference ranking with them to Charleston to compete in the WVIAC conference tournament. FSU won their first match shutting out WV Wesleyan 3-0, but lost the following day against Alderson-Broadus 3-1, bringing an end to their season.

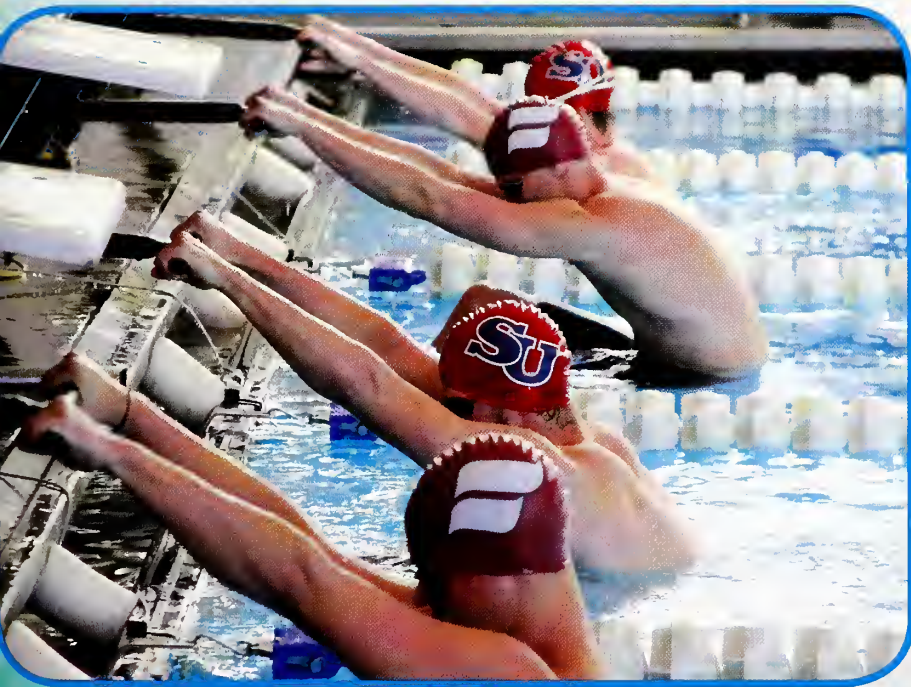
This 2010 squad experienced a great amount of team success, along with significant individual achievements. Senior Theresa Zapach and Sophomore Haley Lippert were placed on the list of names making up the All-WVIAC first team. Senior teammate Aushia Beavers, also received an individual award making the second team. Zapach finished her season as the second best blocker in the conference averaging 1.17 a game. Lippert led the conference with 368 kills; while Beavers showed her versatility as some of her most impressive stats include 210 kills, 453 assists, and 270 digs. FSU looks to have another solid season next year, as ten players will be returning from the current roster.





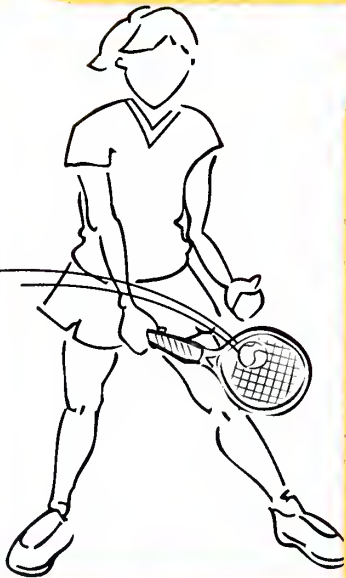
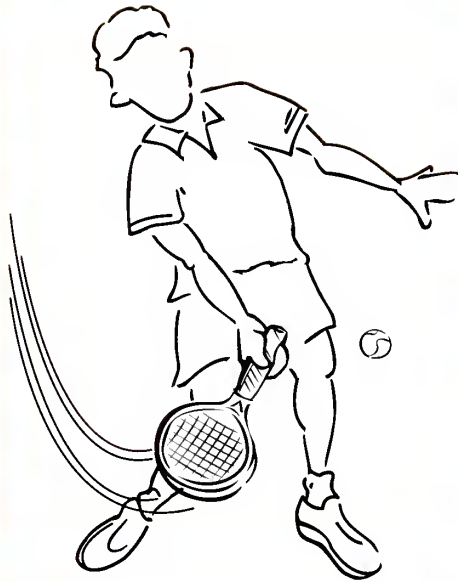
FSU Swim Team

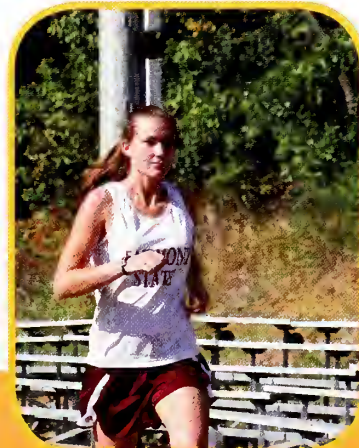




Smörgåsbord of Sports

Tennis and Cross-Country





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Smörgåsbord of Sports

Baseball, Softball and Golf



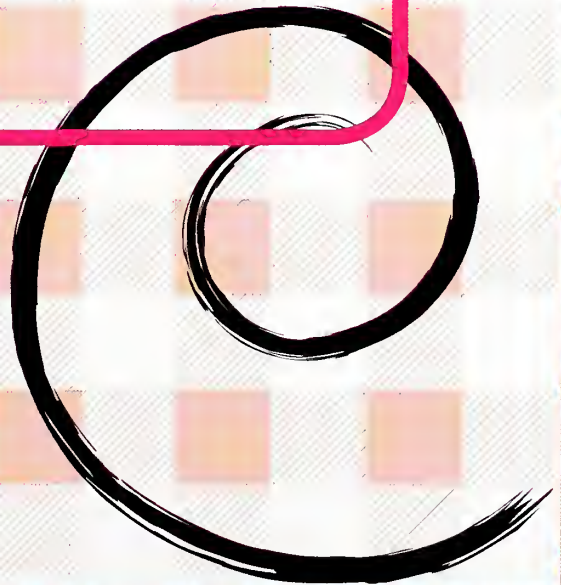




Community Events

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- * Residence Life



President Doreen Larson

Pierpont inaugurates second president

Pierpont Community & Technical College has celebrated the official inauguration of Dr. Doreen M. Larson as its second president. Larson has been on the job since June 30, 2010.

“The Pierpont Board of Governors is more convinced each day that we made a smart decision when we hired Doreen Larson,” said board chairman James E. Griffin. “Her knowledge of what a community college’s mission should be and her enthusiasm for that mission is contagious.”

“Community colleges can be distinguished from other institutions of higher education in many ways,” said Larson. “The community college model is distinctly American in its optimistic commitment to higher education for all levels of ability and income.”

Larson has hit the ground running, securing \$250,000 in funding for a pilot project to help tutor students in math and writing and more than \$1 million in funding to put in a fire suppression system at Pierpont’s aerospace training center in Bridgeport.

Pierpont currently offers on-site classes at more than 15 locations throughout its 13-county service region, which consists of Barbour, Braxton, Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Harrison, Lewis, Marion, Monongalia, Preston, Randolph, Taylor and Upshur counties. Pierpont also works directly with employers to create customized training for employees.

Former Pierpont president Blair Montgomery presided over the inauguration ceremony. Montgomery served as Pierpont’s first president and was at the helm when Pierpont became an institution independent of Fairmont State University. The two institutions have distinct missions, but still work closely together to serve the region.

Music played a large role in the ceremony, with performances by Cleveland Connection, a trio consisting of Larson’s brother Dan Shell, her son Tim Piunno and local pianist John Morrison; the East Fairmont High School Busy Bee Band Wind Ensemble; and Vocal Tapestry. One musical highlight was the world premiere of Pierpont’s Alma Mater, commissioned by Dr. Larson as a gift to the institution. “Pierpont Pride” was composed by Al, Ken and Kristy Kirsh and arranged by Earl McConnell.

Larson holds a Ph.D. in Special Education from Kent State University, a Masters in Education from John Carroll University, and graduated Summa Cum Laude from Cleveland State University with a Bachelors in Special Education. She is proud to note that her three sons, Joe, Tony and Tim Piunno, all began their higher education careers in a community college, as did her spouse, Leonard Larson.



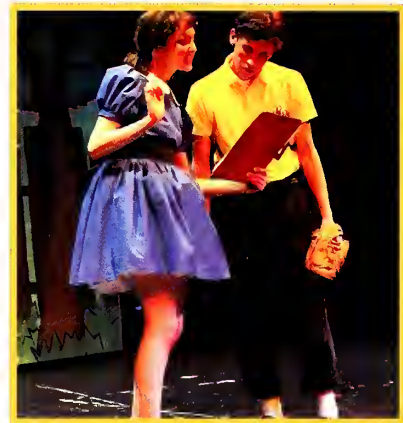
President Larson's inauguration was a great weekend, which included the Making Connections 5K Run



And the family-friendly dinner/dance at the RCB Aerospace Center in Clarksburg



All the wo



The Wallman Hall Theatre played host to the television favorite with its production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." This production was directed by Fairmont State University student Sean Marko

The Fairmont State University School of Fine Arts Town & Gown Youth Company presented an entertaining play filled with singing, dancing, and wisdom from the beloved Peanuts gang. This impressive group of local high school students did an excellent job of bringing their characters to life. The cast included Andy Shaw as Charlie Brown, Lori Williams as Sally Brown, Ashley Spedding as Lucy Van Pelt, Tyler Merrifield as Linus Van Pelt, Kiersten White as Snoopy, Brady Dunn as Schroeder and Shannon Yost as Woodstock/Blanket. Together, this group of fine actors entertained and danced their way into the hearts of all the audience members.

"This program offers the wonderful challenge of testing what we've learned through hands-on experience in the different fields of theatre, dance, acting, directing, design, stage management, and technical production," noted Marko. The importance of these skills in a play is highly important, but Marko has learned integrity, the value of risk, and the important of collaboration/teamwork through directing the young actors, as well. Marko remarked, "Directing this play was the most gratifying task I have ever accepted."

You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown

id's a stage



By: Morgan Bennett and Courtney Kisamore

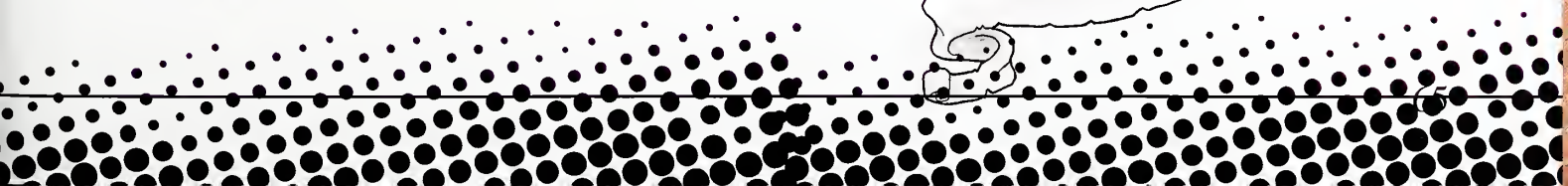
Fairmont State's School of Fine Arts' production of Rogers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* nearly sold out at all nine enchanting performances, November 12th through the 20th. Wallman Hall was filled with a wide range of audiences night after night to see this humorously sweet play made possible by Troy Snider and Jane Ryan.

There are over 450 versions of *Cinderella*, but FSU decided to use the beloved Roger's and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*, with the same enchanting melodies and the captivating dialogues. The cast of 28 consisted primarily of FSU students. The perfectly-paired fairy tale couple was FSU's own Cora Childress and Chris Vickers. Jamie Clegg and Mike Cornes played the stepsisters who gave a humorous twist to this tale's version of the wicked stepsisters.

The impressive stage production crew, managed by Jenn Scholtz and Kayla Alred, gleamed with professionalism. The creativity, intricacy, and refinement of this number was all through the hands of FSU's students, who spent lots of time on the scenery, choreography, musical performances, and special effects. It was all very charming.



Cinderella



RIGHT Professor Jeff Greenham describes what inspired the pieces displayed at his Fall exhibit.

BELOW An exhibit by artist in residence Gary Lieb featured both paper and ceramic pieces.

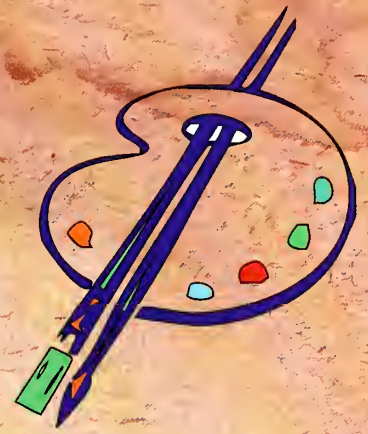
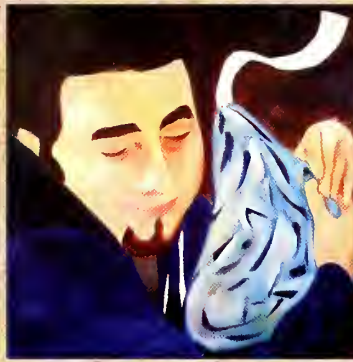
FAR BELOW Art students Heather Gallagher, Cassie Abel and Laura Walker admire Jeff Greenham's ceramics.



RIGHT All senior arts majors are required to do a gallery showing for pieces that they completed.

FAR RIGHT Gallery curator Dr. Marian Hollinger discusses art with Dr. Janet Snyder at a gallery opening.





FAR LEFT The "Salad Days Redux" exhibit by faculty member Jeff Hindal featured casts of different objects.

ABOVE LEFT Student work adorned the walls of the Brooks Gallery for the Spring Juried Exhibit.

LEFT Senior Noah Shaffer based his show around popular idioms such as "Hugs and Kisses", as seen.

Fine Arts: Creative Expressions

The School of Fine Arts includes instruction and co-curricular activities in Art, Music, Speech and Theatre and all Fairmont State students are encouraged to participate. Because of our size, our students have more opportunities to participate in our activities and upon graduation, have a resume full of achievements to present to potential employers or the graduate school they wish to attend. Our endowment supports scholarships for students who major within the school as well as provides for subsidized travel to the world's centers of culture. The students, staff and faculty of the School of Fine Arts would welcome you to the campus for a visit. Also read through our Center for the Arts Engagement publication that outlines how FSU and Pierpont connect community and campus-based arts experiences and resources in North Central West Virginia to engage students, teachers, artists and patrons in the exploration, appreciation and production of the arts.



Students Marsha Benson, Jacob Smith, Kristin McCullough and Taylor Kraus discuss art at a gallery opening.

Fine Arts: Refining Rhythms

The Department of Music offers both a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education and a minor in music. Music students will develop musical and leadership skills in university and public school settings. Students will work closely with dynamic faculty and other highly accomplished music educators in the region who are focused on helping students achieve their goals. Non-music majors are also eligible for certain scholarships, and they are encouraged to participate in ensembles, take lessons and join music student organizations to keep their musical lives active.

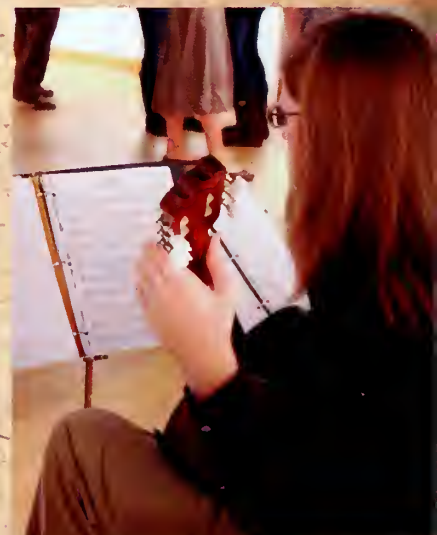
Numerous performance opportunities are available to students, including Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Collegiate Singers, Chamber Singers, Jazz Band, Music Theatre, and other vocal and instrumental ensembles. Performing groups offer touring experiences to such places as New York City, Toronto, the Bahamas and throughout West Virginia.

Organizations available to students in the musical groups include Kappa Kappa Psi (band members), Sigma Alpha Iota (women), The American Choral Directors Association and the WV Collegiate Music Educators Association.

Music student Greg Hayhurst strums his guitar at the opening of Jeff Greenham's art show.



Members of the Marching Band set up shop in the Falcon Center in hopes of recruiting other-music enthusiasts to their midst.



Tristram Salisbury playing at a gallery opening in Wallman Hall.



ABOVE Marching band members lead down Adams Street during the Homecoming parade.



BELOW: Shelby Hall plays her drum at band camp, held on the football field every summer.



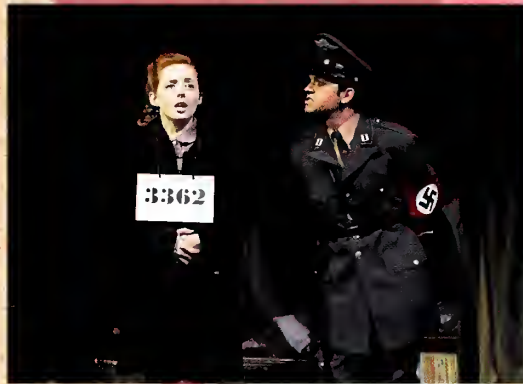
MIDDLE- Several FSU choir students participated in the WV ACDA's College Honor Choir.

BOTTOM Trumpeters practice the field show during the band's annual band camp.

RIGHT Members of the Theatre honorary Alpha Psi Omega, dress up in togas during pledge week.



RIGHT The play *Kindertransport*, in production during the fall, continued to wow audiences in spring performances.



FAR RIGHT Camp counselors for the ARTSMARTS camp held every summer for high school students.



Fine Arts: Communicating Experience

The Department of Communication and Theatre Arts at Fairmont State has a long tradition of teaching students the skills to communicate experience and emotions to audience members.

Students can participate in Alpha Psi Omega, the theatre honorary, or Masquers productions, or even participate in the M.M. Neely Persuasive Speaking Contest. Students often direct their own productions, as a part of class or oversee FSU productions.

In February, the cast and creators of the production *Kindertransport* were honored at the Culture Center in Charleston, the second time in two years that the School of Fine Arts has participated. It was also acknowledged as "one of the most outstanding in the region" by the Kennedy Center/American College Theatre Festival.



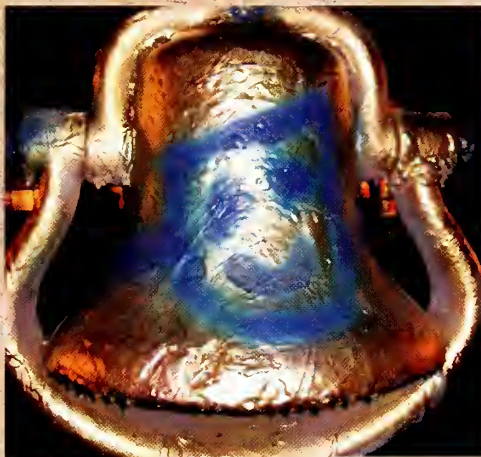
Dr. Bob Mild poses with winners of the M.M. Neely Persuasive Speaking Contest. The winners, from right, are Kady Fenske, 1st Place; Jerry Reames, 2nd place; and Marianne Jenkins, 3rd.

LOW Cora Childress (standing) works backstage to arrange Sami Hill's hair for a production.



LEFT Dress rehearsals for a student-run production in the 314 Wallman Theater.

BELOW LEFT The bell, as painted by members of ASO in the spring semester.



Scholarship Opportunities

The School of Fine Arts has numerous scholarship opportunities available to its majors. While no application for admission is required for Fine Arts programs other than that required by the university, scholarships require a separate application and depending on the area, an interview, audition or portfolio review.

In addition to the Fairmont Undergraduate Scholarships (FUS) which are allocated to the School of Fine Arts, the following endowed scholarships for Music are also available: Fairmont Concert Association Music Endowed Scholarship, Blanche Kinney Fine Arts Endowed Scholarship, B. J. O'Dell Sherman Endowed Scholarship and the Virginia P & Richard P. Wellock Music Endowed Scholarship.

Fairmont State University also maintains Participation Scholarships that are granted to students, regardless of their major, for participation in activities such as the Marching Band, Wind Ensemble, Collegiate Singers, Masquers Theatre Productions, Debate or the Art Gallery.



Coralee Simpson, Samantha Huffman and Celi Oliveto practice for the student run production of Dear Ms. Leading, a rock opera based on a CD by the Dear Hunter. Senior Reggie Jose wrote the script as part of a senior project with the Honors Program.



Delegate Linda Longstreth and FSU President Tom Krepel.





Peter Lach, dean of the FSU School of Fine Arts.



Delegate Linda Longstreth and Alumni Association member Mary Jo Thomas



Brian Noland, chancellor of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

FSU participates in Collegiate Series

The West Virginia Division of Culture and History invited the Fairmont State University School of Fine Arts to present a performance of the play *Undertransport* at the Culture Center in Charleston on Feb. 8, 2011, as part of the Collegiate Series. A reception before the play was attended by FSU faculty, staff, students, legislators, alumni and Charleston area students and residents. Speakers included FSU President Tom Krepel, Deputy Commissioner Caryn Gresham, Chancellor Brian Noland and Dean Peter Lach.



Bringing the world to campus

The Celebration of Ideas Lecture Series at Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College brings nationally prominent speakers of diverse viewpoints to campus each fall and spring.

“It is our goal to create a campus environment where open exchange of ideas is both promoted and celebrated,” said Michael Belmear, Vice President for Student Affairs.

“We believe that the development of our student body must include exposure to a variety of ideas. Through this exposure, our students will be better prepared to operate in an increasingly complex society. We are very fortunate to be able to bring this diverse and talented group of speakers into North Central West Virginia. The 2010-2011 Celebration of Ideas Lecture Series seeks to provide a variety of perspectives as they pertain to national and global issues.”

Michelle Norris

BELOW: NPR's Michele Norris brought her thoughts to campus in March.



ABOVE: Norris signed autographs for the crowd.



RIGHT: Columns reporter Greg Hayhurst interviewed Norris for the student newspaper.

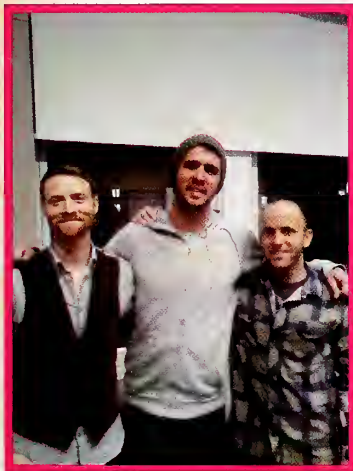


Panel Discussion with (from left to right): Jamie Tworowski, Aaron Moore, and Andy Zipf.



Andy Zipf, singer/songwriter, performs during the "To Write Love on her Arms" presentation.

The organization, TWLOHA



Group photo (from left to right) Andy Zipf, Jamie Tworowski, Aaron Moore.



Author, Rebecca Skloot



LEFT AND RIGHT: Author Rebecca Skloot came to campus in May



Do you feel like getting pied in the face?





What pie
Flavor?



Coconut Creme

Apple

Cherry

Lemon

Blueberry





Classes of

2010 &



2011



New beginnings

Graduation



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FSU winter 2010 graduation

By: Courtney Kisamore

The 2010 Fairmont State University graduation took place on Saturday, December 18 in the Feaster Center. Among the many speakers, two individuals who impressed the audience with their wisdom-filled speeches were Kat Oswald and Morris Morrison. Oswald spoke of a man who had two goals in mind. He wanted to first find a home of his own and second, he wanted to live off his land. Upon reaching his goals, the man realized that though he got what he wanted, he had no one to share his accomplishments with. This fable was an example of how important it is to allow our family and friends support us while achieving our goals.

Morris Morrison was the event's keynote speaker. He first spoke of his love for Fairmont State University's men's basketball team and the women's volleyball team. Morrison ended his speech with telling the audience that he learned a valuable life lesson from the childhood song of "Row, row, row your boat." His lesson through this song was that in life we must row our own boat. Only then, life will merrily be a dream.









PC&TC winter graduation



Students who completed their work and met the requirements to earn their degrees from Pierpont Community & Technical College this semester marked their achievement at Pierpont's 2010 Winter Commencement exercises, Friday, December 17, 2010. The ceremony was held in the Feaster Center on Pierpont's main campus in Fairmont beginning at 6:30 p.m. A reception followed.

Brooks F. McCabe, Jr. was the commencement speaker. McCabe is Managing Member and Broker of West Virginia Commercial, LLC, the successor company for the brokerage and property management business of McCabe-Henry, LP.

Nastausha Hefner was the student speaker representing the Pierpont fall class of 2010. A Lewis County graduate, she graduated with honors from the School of Business, Aviation and Technology with an Associate of Applied Science degree in Office Management and Technology.





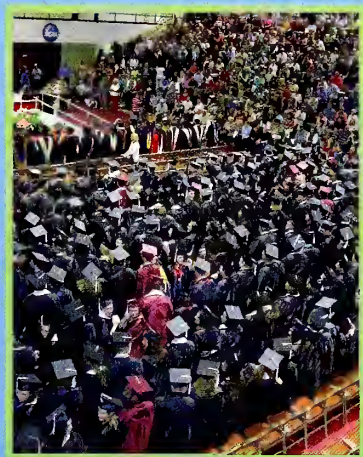
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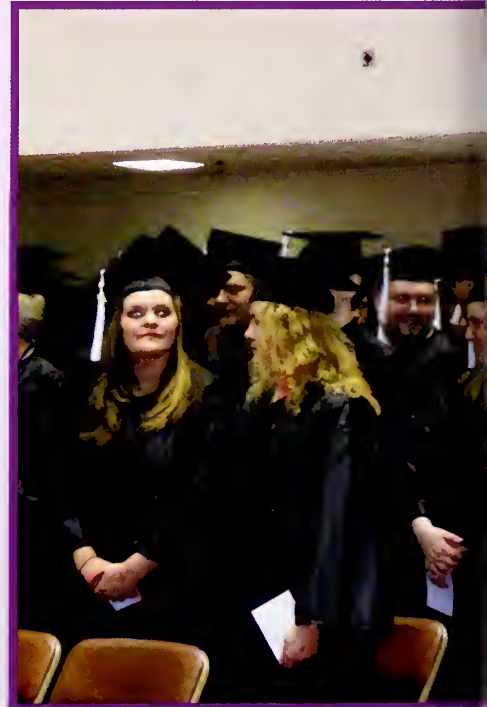
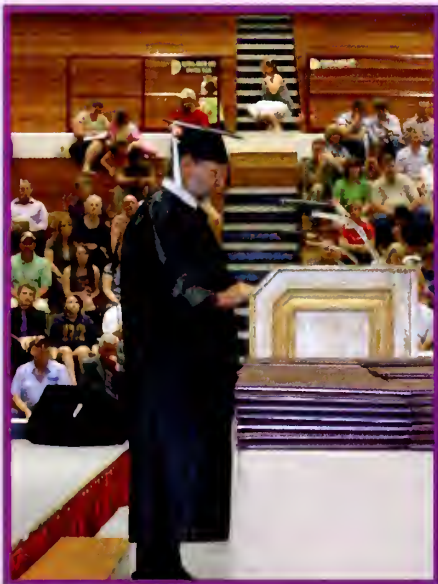
FSU spring graduation

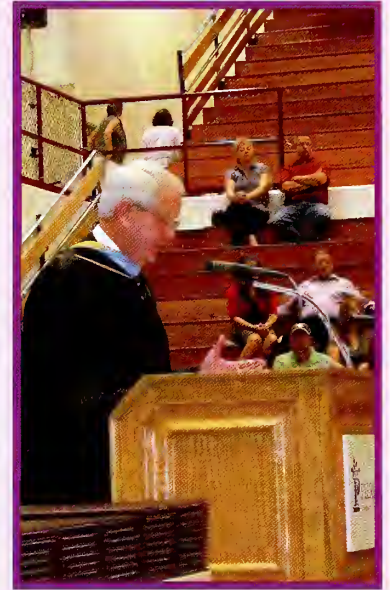


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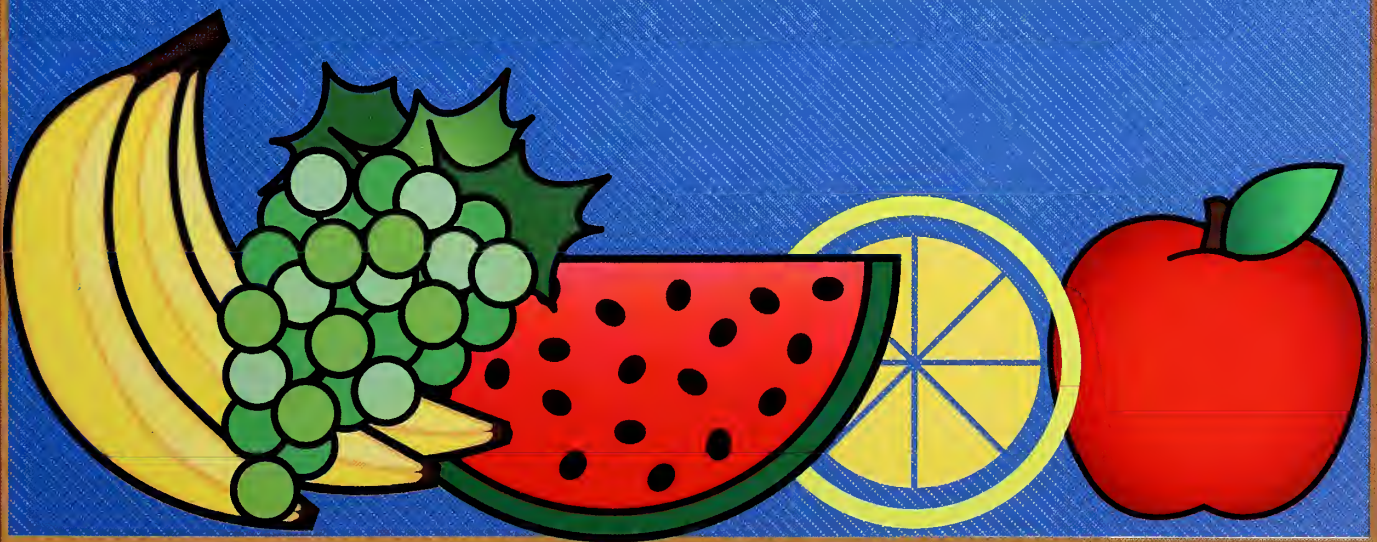
California State
Pool



Campus Health

What's inside:

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- * Campus Doctor
- * CPR and First Aid
- * Weigh to go!
- * Le Tour De Fairmont



Student Wellness program



Participants make healthy food from the nutrition demonstration event.



Personal trainer Ashley Holliday makes a healthy tilapia fish dish.



Participants enjoy the healthy spread they prepared and cooked for the nutrition demonstration event.



FSU and PC&TC Registered Dietitian Pamela Hamilton creates the display table filled with food.

by: Rachel Bright

It seems that all over the United States, wellness programs are popping up in many major hospitals, gyms, corporations and universities. A wellness program enhances individuals' well-being through helping people learn about exercise through receiving personal training services, nutrition, emotional health, food budgeting and spiritual health. These types of programs generally target people who are overweight, have high blood pressure and cholesterol levels and/or family histories of heart disease or diabetes. It just so happens that Fairmont State University has instituted their very own Student Wellness program which began during the Fall 2010 and the Spring 2011 school semesters. Plus, this program is completely 100% free to all students!

This is a 12-week program and generally no more than 25 students are accepted.

For more information go to the www.fairmontstate.edu website under the "Falcon Center" activities.



Student Wellness participants enjoying a spinning class taught by personal trainer Chris Buonaiuto.



Student Wellness participants and personal trainers at the end of the spring semester banquet.

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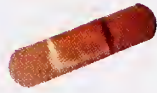


**STUDENT
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Student Health Center



Office

Hours

8:00 – 4:00

Monday - Friday

By: Sarah Bright

The Student Health Center on campus is located in the Falcon Center on the third floor and boy do they keep busy! The entire center is in the good hands of Yolanda Kirchartz, Director and RN; Ginger Moore, RN; Paulette Nuzum, LPN and Trish Watson, FNP. All the ladies welcome walk-ins or a scheduled appointment.

There is no additional charge above the Health Service Fee to be seen. However, if a student needs something that is not available at the Health Service, then they are charged at the student's own expense.

For more information

www.fairmontstate.edu/studentaffairs/health-service





CPR and First Aid



Call 911!!!

By: Rachel Bright

Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College held a CPR and First Aid training class on December 7, 2010. The cost was \$35 and was available for students as well as the Fairmont community. This class was appropriate for health care professionals, day care providers, and community members. Participants learned the most recent techniques of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and how to provide appropriate, immediate care that may be necessary in case of an accident or emergency. Afterwards, participants were certified or re-certified in CPR and First Aid. The certifications will last for two years and is something that most people should learn how to perform.



Follow the ABC's of CPR:

A airway- Open the victim's airway by performing the "head-tilt/chin-lift method."

B breathing: Determine if the victim is breathing. If not, then you must breathe for him. Only a certified CPR person can perform mouth-to-mouth to help imitate breathing for the injured victim.

C circulation: If a certified person has initiated rescued breathing, then they will begin chest compressions - hard and fast.

*****Remember that only a certified CPR person can perform CPR and if they have the victim's consent*****





Falcon Center health events



Weigh to Go!

As part of the “Exercise to Break” spring semester fitness activity, an Aladdin Food Management nutritionist lectured at the Eating Right seminar called, “Weigh to go!” It was held on March 1, 2011 from 12:30-1:30 in the conference centers at the Falcon Center. The nutritionist provided many healthy tips on how to lose weight and keep it off. Participants also received a free healthy lunch.

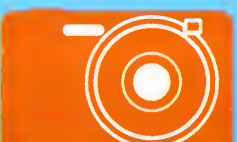


Le Tour De Fairmont

To help encourage and motivate students to be active, the Tour De Fairmont fitness activity was created. As the flier states, "Ever wish you could ride the Tour De France like Lance Armstrong? Now you can ride the Tour De Fairmont! We mapped 21 stages, all through WV, for a chance for you to ride to Fairmont."

There were 21 stages total and if they were all met, then the student "rode" either on a stationary bike or regular bike to Fairmont. As long as they rode for a set number of minutes, it counted as miles.





Through the Campus lens

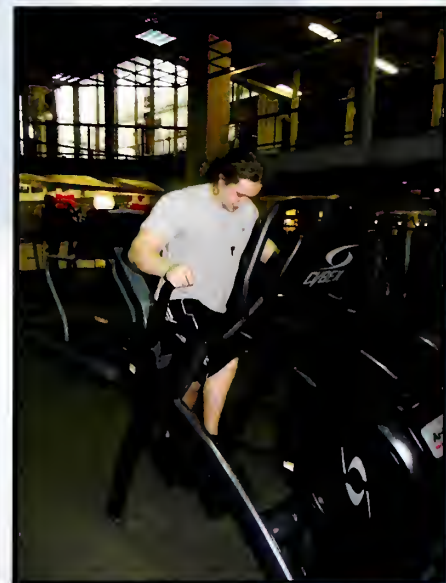
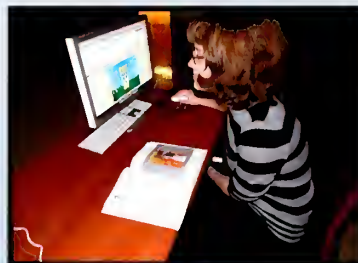
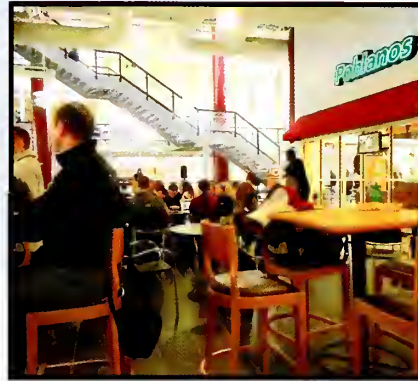
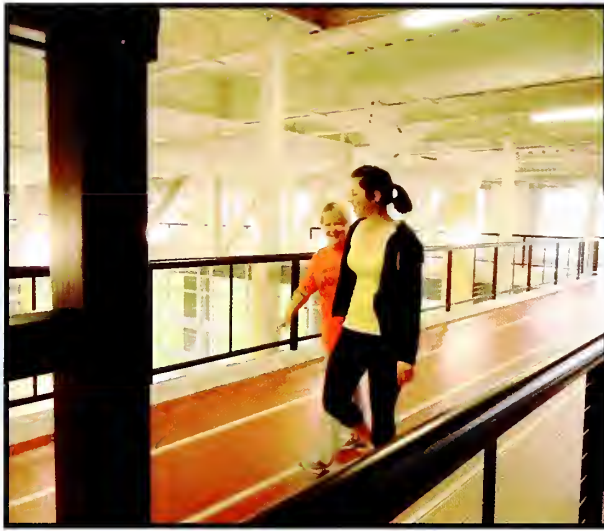


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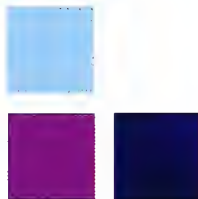
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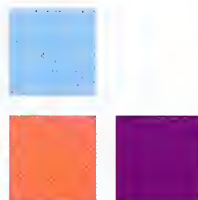
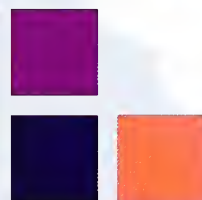
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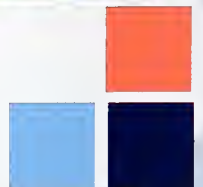
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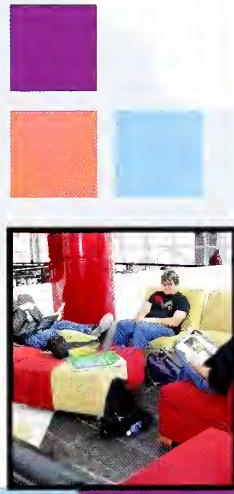
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Campus Events



Top Reasons

You attend **FSU/Pierpont**

“Why did you decide to come Fairmont State University?”



Here's What YOU Said



“Not as big as WVU”

“To get educated”

“So my mom wouldn't kill me”



Decisions

AIM & INTENTION

“A two year nursing program”

“Small classes, you get to know your professors”



**Nawaf Alghurairi,
Abdullhadi Aljabhan**



“Safe and good weather in the summer”

“Just cheap”

“Close to home”



**Rebekah Snodgrass,
Isaac Sharp**

Top Reasons

WHY FSU/Pierpont?

»» "Because it's the only college that's cheap in WV"

»» "Lot of older students"

»» "Caters to older students"

»» "Small class rooms"

»» "One on one learning"

»» "It was close"

»» "It's literally five minutes down the road"

»» "Location and cost"

»» "Only place that had my degree- Hospitality Management"

»» "Closeness and cheap, but not really"



Amanda Komorowski

"English education program"

"Close to home"

"It was time to do something with my life"



Dale Childs

“Close to home”



Raphael Snell

“NCATE certification”



Becky Horner

“Smaller, not spread out”

“Good education program”

“I like the student/teacher relationship”

“Less distractions”



Donnie Harrison, Shane Goodrich

“My sister went here”

“Close to home”

Architecture

Top Reasons

"A cheap education, way cheaper than other ones I was looking at"

What?!
say

YOU SAID IT



"Very glad to stay here in Fairmont"

"People are so friendly"

"Laboratory is very good"

"I raised my kids, now it's time to do something for me"

WHY? WHY?

FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY

» Can park one
time and get to
every class"

Raphael Snell

» "High job
placement"

Sage Seifert

» "I like the
atmosphere"

Dale Childs



Jennifer Keffer

*"The only Early
Childhood
Development
Program
besides
Marshall"*

Top Reasons



Tehron Jacobs

**“To get away
from home”**

**“Small class
rooms”**

**“Close to
home”**

**Why did you
enroll at
FSU/Pierpont?**

**“I preferred an
electronics over
electrical engineering
program”**

Patrick Steven

**“The only
architectural program
in the state”**

Lee Tibbl

**“Because they had an
electronics
engineering degree”**

Zach Winter



*Bunch of family
 were alumni &
 great programs"*
*Close to home,
 but not home"*
*My mom went
 there and she
 liked it"*
*Went to College
 Summit; they fit
 me with FSU"*
*Not as big as
 WVU"*







Night Life



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- * Concert Bash
- * Homecoming week events
- * Falcon Idol
- * Musician Ry Cuming





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Concert Bash

By: Rachel Bright

Let's jam!

Anyone who attended the university's annual Spring Concert held in Colebank Gym on March 24, 2011 would be sure to tell you that it rocked. The first portion of the evening was played by singer/songwriters guitarist and Fairmont State University (FSU) student, Bryant Riffle. Riffle played many modern-day tunes along with a few original songs that he and his brother composed. After Riffle played, FSU students, Ponce De'Leiou and Travis Dupri had the audience cheering and jamming to their tunes. It was a night filled with musical fun.





Homecoming



Metropolitan Mania - FSU and Pierpont

With the theme, "Metropolitan Mania," Homecoming 2010 for Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community & Technical College, set for Oct. 25-30, was a week packed with alumni, athletics, student and community events.

"The theme, 'Metropolitan Mania,' focuses on different aspects of city life. All throughout the week, we will be having contests and events to highlight some of the elements typically found in a city. Students do not want to miss out on taking part during this week," said Jessica L. Kromer, Student Government Vice President.

As a Homecoming tradition, all student clubs and organizations sponsoring a king or queen candidate participate in a community service project. Students donate money, wish list items or time to area non-profit organizations.

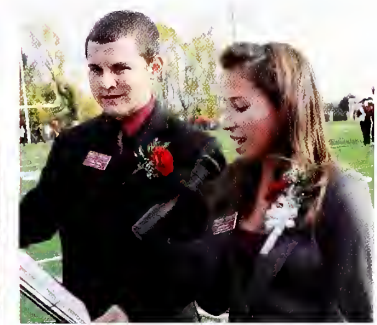
"This year we will be helping two local shelters: the Union Mission and Scott Place. This event is also open to all of campus to help to raise funds, items or time. We hope to have a large turn-out of support this year," said Student Government President Alicia Nieman.

Items and money to benefit the two shelters will be collected from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 27 and Oct. 29 in the second floor Main Street area of the Falcon Center. Students will also be donating their time during the week of Homecoming.

"We like to include at least one new event each year where we can invite our community members to campus in order to connect our current students with the people who have helped support our institutions throughout the years," said Laurie Johnston, director of student activities.

In keeping with the "Metropolitan Mania" theme of activities that could be found in a larger city, this year's community event was a dance concert being presented by the West Virginia Dance Company and sponsored by Student Government. The event is 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, at Colebank Hall Gym. Admission is free and open to the public. Also at this event, the Homecoming king and queen candidates were introduced during intermission.





Falcon Idol



Chelsea Boyles



Josie Charlton

The annual Falcon Idol was held Tuesday, February 22, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. on Mainstreet in the Falcon Center. This Student Government sponsored singing competition was open to all Fairmont State University and Pierpont students, faculty and staff. FSU's Student Body Vice-President, Jess Kromer, hosted the event with Jaron Hollida, Student Body Treasurer, at her side.

Of the four finalists, FSU student Cora Childress won the \$150 grand prize with her rendition of "Gimme, Gimme," from a Broadway musical. Tied for 2nd place were Chelsea Boyles and Josie Charlton, winning \$100. Kelly Blake took home the 3rd place prize of \$50.

The audience and panel of three judges, Shane Livingston, Jessica Cooper, and Dave Beighley, determined the winner. The contestants were judged on crowd appeal, musical ability, stage presence, and originality. With only ten minutes to cast votes, the crowd at Falcon Idol proved to be a "People's Choice" lunchtime sensation, a real hit!



Cora Childress



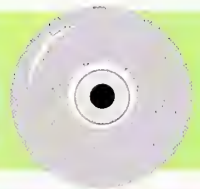
Kelly Blake



LIVE AT LUNCH



Recording Artist Ry Cuming



by: Morgan Bennett

Musician Ry Cuming, headlined December 7, 2010 at Fairmont State University and Pierpont Community and Technical College's Acoustic Acts, Live at Lunch, showcasing a musical genre of Alternative Rock and Pop. This native Australian, singer-song writer, who is now touring with Maroon Five, made FSU and Pierpont his last stop on his solo tour before heading back to L.A. Cuming sang hits that were featured on TV shows such as "The O.C." and "One Tree Hill," as well as music from his self-titled debut album.

The campus' Student Government organization and Laurie Johnston, Director of Student Activities, headed Ry Cuming's performance that packed a crowd into the Falcon Center. Alone on stage with just a microphone, guitar and an old guitar case, he kept an up-beat rhythm and set an intimate mood for, as Ry put it, this "Rockin' Roll Tuesday." Cuming's soulful voice was a mellow trip into relaxation and well needed, especially in the week before the fall semester finals.



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